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ACCRA AND BONN FOR RCO

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SUBJECT:TRANSFER OF REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS
OFFICER (CEO) POSITION FROM TUNIS TO ROME

REF: STATE 30881, TUNIS 586

1. WE RECONGIZE THE HARD WORK AND MONEY EXPENDED BY
THE EMBASSY IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE CEO. ALSO,
REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE RESPONSE TIME OF THE TUNIS
CEO TO SERVICE CALLS IN THE AREA HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING.
IN ADDITION TRAVEL EXPENSES HAVE BEEN LESS THAN THAT
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FOR A CEO ORIGINATING IN ACCRA OR BONN.

2. THE ABOVE POSITIVE FACTORS, THOUGH, HAVE HAD TO BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH CHANGING CONDITIONS AND THE OVERALL MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AREA. DURING THE PAST MONTHS THE OC MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION WORKLOAD IN ALL AREAS HAS INCREASED WITHOUT A PROPORTIONATE INCREASE IN CEO PERSONNEL. THUS DECISIONS HAVE HAD TO BE MADE TO UTILIZE THE EXISTING CEO STAFF IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER.

3. TRAVEL TIMES AND COSTS FOR ROME VERSUS TUNIS BASED REGIONAL PERSONNEL COMPARE FAVORABLY. THEREFORE, IT

IS NOT EXPECTED THAT A ROME BASED CEO WILL RESULT IN A DECREASE IN RESPONSE TIME OR INCREASE IN TRAVEL COSTS. FURTHERMORE SURVEYS SHOW THAT A CEO IS AT THE RESIDENT POST ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME AND THERE IS A RELATIVELY LARGE INVENTORY OF NON-PORTABLE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN ROME. IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, OC HAS CONCLUDED THAT TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN POSTS CAN BE PROVIDED MOST EFFECTIVELY WITH A CEO RESIDENT IN ROME. INGERSOLL

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